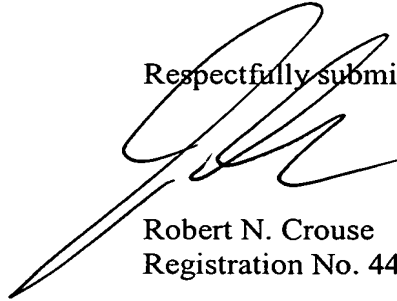


REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement of September 26, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Invention I including Claims 1-10, 20-22, and 24-25 for examination on the merits without traverse. Claims 11-19, 23, and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request favorable examination of Invention I and allowance of Claims 1-10, 20-22, and 24-25.

Respectfully submitted,

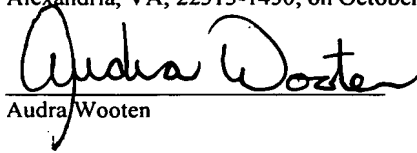


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